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BIBLE THOUGHT FOR TODAY

JTSUS SAID:—And I, if I be
lifted up, will draw all men unto
me.—John 12:32.

**CLEAN OUT THE VETERANS
BUREAU**

In an interview which the edi-
tor had with a representative
of the Veterans Bureau some
time ago, when questioned as to
why there seemed to be an ef-
fort on the part of those who
passed on claims of veterans to
find a way to turn them down
and limit the liability imposed
on the government in awarding
claims, he said that his observa-
tion had been that every man
seemed to think the way to
hold his job was to show as small
a volume of awards in the ag-
gregate sum as possible in order
to make a good showing.

Any man who feels that way
toward the men who were main-
ed and disgraced in the war, who
have undergone untold suffering
uncomplainingly and who wil-
lingly gave their all in defense
of their country, ought to be
kicked out of the job he holds
and be displaced by the disabled
men who are equally capable of
administering the office and who
would see that their buddies got
justice if they lost their job the
next minute. Any man with
such feeling is a coward and a
traitor not only to his comrades
but to his government, for it was
the intention of the framers of
the legislation which made the
Veterans Bureau possible that it
should serve the men who needed
awards on account of disability
incurred in line of duty, and the
government has generously made
appropriations to cover these
awards. The whole trouble

seems to be with the weak-kneed
administration of the various de-
partments who put personal gain
above duty, and there should be
a thorough cleaning out of the
whole system. The incompetents
should be replaced with fighting
men who have the courage of
their conviction regardless of
whether they continue to hold a
position or not. The men who fought
and suffered in France would do
exact justice to their comrades,
come what may, and they are the
men who should serve.

ALL BACK OF THE FARMER

The co-operative organization
of the farmers is developing sub-
stantial friends among the finan-
cial agencies of the country, chief
among which is the American
Bankers' Association. Mr. John
B. Puelicher, of Pittsburgh, is
president of that powerful organ-
ization, and speaking for the
bankers of the country, he says
they are going to "translate
their interest in the affairs of the
farmers into action." And it is
not advice the bankers will give,
but money. Mr. Puelicher says
the bankers "will not undertake
to teach the farmer how to grow
his crops, but will place at the
farmer's disposal the financial
experience of the banker in help-
ing the farmer to solve his mar-
keting and other problems." The
New York Commercial thinks it
is going to be a pretty big task
to organize the agricultural in-
terests of the country on a co-
operative marketing basis, but
says it can not only be done,
"but should be done." This
movement on part of the farm-
ers has the united support of
the commercial, financial and
manufacturing organizations of
the country, and this support
would appear altogether suffi-
cient to bring success.—Charlotte
Observer.

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By HARRY

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